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REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 14, 2008. Claims 2-11 and 13-18 are pending, with claims 1 and 12 having previously been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. The Office Action indicates that claims 2-22, 13-15, 17 and 18 have been allowed. By this Amendment, claims 15 and 17 have been amended to correct obvious typographical errors therein, and apparatus claim 16 has been amended to conform its scope to that of method claim 15 and medium claim 17, without introducing new matter or new issues. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment is requested. Claims 2-11 and 13-18 remain pending upon entry of this Amendment, with claims 2, 10, 11 and 13-18 being in independent form.

Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as purportedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,867,602 to Zandi.

By this Amendment, apparatus claim 16 has been amended to conform its scope to that of method claim 15 and medium claim 17. Since independent apparatus claim 16 now includes features similar to those of independent method claim 15 and independent medium claim 17, claim 16 of the present application is submitted to be now allowable as well.

In view of the amendments to the claims and remarks hereinabove, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that are required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner  
is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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